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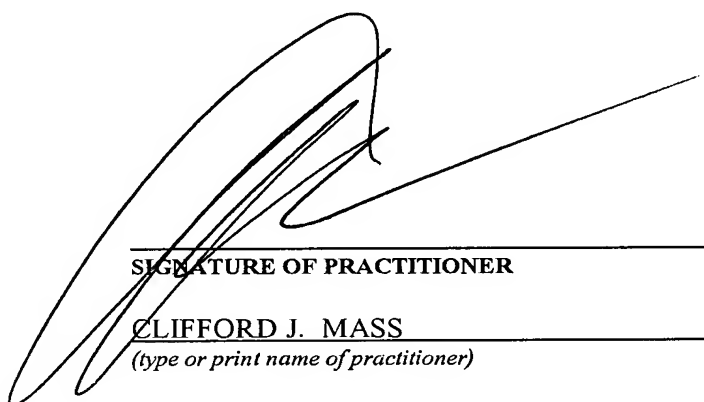
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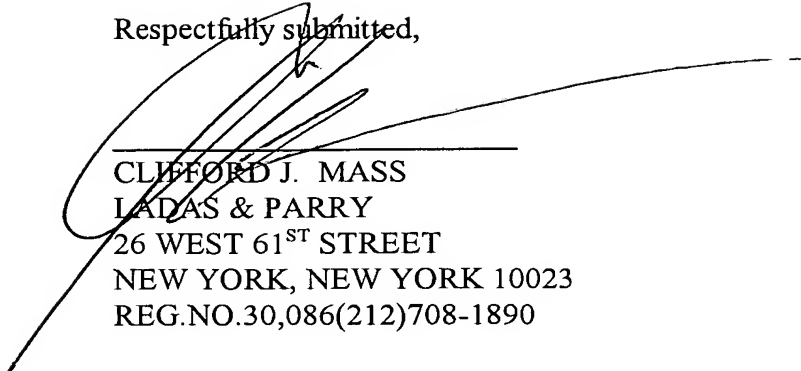
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	AB	US-6,436,179	08/2002	HIRAOKA ET AL	
	AC	US-6,447,592	09/2002	TANIGUCHI, MAKOTO	
	AD	US-6,454,844	09/2002	KANAYA, MIHARU	
	AE	US-6,454,845	09/2002	SHAWCROSS, ET AL	
	AF	US-6,432,186	08/2002	TANIGUCHI, MAKOTO	
	AG	US-6,419,733	07/2002	SANO ET AL	
	AH	US-5,985,015	11/1999	KANAYA, MIHARU	
	AI	US-5,968,244	10/1999	UEDA ET AL	
	AJ	US-6,284,029	09/2001	SANO ET AL	
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	AL	0 872 344	10/1998	EP		
	AM	0 651 037	05/1995	EP		
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	AC	US-6,132,502	10/2000	YATAKE, MASAHIRO	
	AD	US-6,004,389	12/1999	YATAKE, MASAHIRO	
	AE	US-5,616,174	04/1997	KANAYA ET AL	
	AF	US-6,277,184	08/2001	KATO, SHINICHI	
	AG	US-5,935,309	08/1999	MOFFATT ET AL	
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	AI	US-5,830,264	11/1998	FUJIOKA ET AL	
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	AM	559314	3/1993	JP		X
	AN	6107971	4/1994	JP		X
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	AM	ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF JP 7-125220 DATED MAY 16, 1995
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